contemporary challenges and security threats in an effective way.

Supply of Foodgrains to Defence

340. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the requirement of the various items of the foodgrains for Defence are not met by inviting tenders;

(b) if so, how many contracts were given for supply of foodgrains and what items were agreed to be supplied and at what rates;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the bidders could not supply the items of foodgrains;

(d) if so, whether Government have gone to the extent of 'risk' purchase contracts; and

(e) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) During 1998, 37 contracts of foodgrains for the Defence forces, including animal rations, have been awarded. Details of items and the prices contracted are given in the statement. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Four 'risk purchase contracts' have been undertaken. Two Risk Purchase Contracts have been carried out and two are under process.

Statement

Sl. No.	Item of commodity	Contracted Rates (Rs. Per Quintal)
1.	Dal Arhar	Rs. 2247/- (Rabi Variety) Rs. 3188/- to Rs. 3700/- (Khariff variety)
2.	Dal Chana	Rs. 1521/- to Rs. 1542/-
3.	Dal Massor	Rs. 1730/-
4.	Dal Masoor Whole	Rs. 1549/-
5.	Peas Dried	Rs. 1165/- to Rs. 1167/-
6.	Rajmah	Rs. 2099/- to Rs. 2103/-
7.	Dal Moong	Rs. 1760/- (Rabi Variety) Rs. 2498/- to Rs. 2519/- (Khariff variety)
8.	Moong Whole	Rs. 1759/- (Rabi variety) RS. 2388/- to Rs. 2438/- (Khariff variety)
9.	Dal Urd	Rs. 2133/- to Rs. 2233/-
10.	Urd Whole	Rs. 1350/- (Rabi variety) Rs. 2093/- to Rs. 2147/- (Khariff variety)
11.	Urd Dhuli	Rs. 1765/- (Rabi variety) Rs. 2833/- (Khariff variety)
12.	Barley	Rs. 560/- to Rs. 565/-
13.	Gram Whole	Rs. 1275/-
14.	Linseed	Rs. 1650/-